

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Commission Chambers
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
November 19, 2015
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **D.V.M. FRANCO, KIMBERLY (KF)** – Veterinarian
 GIPAYA, MARY (MG) – Large Animal Owner or Equine Conservation
 Group, Vice Chair
 SAYEGH, SUSAN S. (SSS) – General Public, Chair
 VOSS, TIFFANY (TV) – Student
 WILLIAMS, KEITH (KW) – Non-Profit Humane Group

MEMBERS ABSENT: **PAMELA, SMITH (PS)** – Animal Breeder or Handler

- 1. Call to Order**
SSS called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
Members announced themselves and stated Pamela Smith was absent and excused.
- 3. Public Comment**
SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
SSS asked for a motion to approve November 19, 2015 agenda. Motion by MG, second by KF, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.
- 5. Approval of the August 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
SSS asked for a motion to approve the August 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes. MG motioned for approval, second by KW, all in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.
- 6. Discuss Vaccination Clinic**
Jason Allswang (JA), Chief of Code Enforcement, explained the Whitney Community Center would hold a vaccination and microchip clinic, most likely in February. When the date becomes solid, it will be announced. The clinic is open to any pet that needs a microchip and vaccines. SSS inquired about veterinarians willing to participate. JA stated once the date is solidified, veterinarians will be asked to help with the clinic.

SSS opened public comment. Karen Layne, President of the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society (LVVHS), stated Heaven Can Wait will be participating in the clinic. Layne explained the clinic would be marketed to Whitney Community Center's surrounding area and wanted to hear the committee's views on soliciting the event. MG suggested posting flyers at nearby elementary schools. SSS closed public comment.
- 7. Receive a Presentation from the Nevada Department of Wildlife on Urban Wildlife**
Doug Nielsen, Education Supervisor with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), introduced himself to the committee and explained his duties with NDOW. Nielsen gave a presentation to the committee about urban wildlife in Nevada. SSS asked about the life expectancy of a coyote. Nielsen explained a coyote in the wild lives about seven years. MG asked where Nielsen's office is located and for further explanation of dealing with problem coyotes in communities. Nielsen is based in an office in Las Vegas. He stated coyotes are unprotected in Nevada and can be dealt with by citizens themselves, but they encourage preventing interaction

with coyotes. KF asked if there have been any Distemper outbreaks among the coyotes. Nielsen stated he is unaware of any information concerning Distemper.

SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.

8. Receive a Report and Discuss School Animal Clubs and Other Related Matters

TV stated in the SRPO club's first meeting, a veterinarian gave a presentation on the academic requirements of a veterinary medicine career. In the next club meeting, another guest speaker will give a presentation and their members will decorate boxes for a food drive. MG offered to help provide materials.

SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.

9. Discuss and Provide recommendations on Emerging Issues to be Addressed by the Committee at Future Meetings

KF suggested an update from the Animal Foundation (TAF) about the changes implemented earlier this year. SSS reiterated December would be the six month mark and an update would be appreciated. MG would like clarification from TAF on certain practices at the shelter, as there are rumors throughout the community. JA confirmed the next Animal Advisory Committee meeting would be December 17, 2015 and he would ask TAF to give an update.

SSS opened public comment. No public comment. Public comment closed.

10. Comments by the General Public

SSS opened public comment. Joshua Cowart, 351 Papaya, asked if there was going to be an overview of the new Title 10 changes from JA. JA asked to address a couple items under public comment. The current Chair and Vice Chair terms will expire on January 5, 2016 and applications will be accepted for their positions. The committee is accepting a general public member and a large animal owner or equine conservationist. He would like applications to be submitted by December 15, 2015. JA gave an update of the Title 10 provisions and stated they will be in effect starting December 1, 2015. KW asked what will happen with the feral cats in the buffer zone around conservation areas. JA said he will be available after the meeting to answer any questions. SSS closed public comment.

11. Adjournment

SSS asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. MG made a motion, second by KF, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.